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Sentimental Values

By GRAHAM ZINGFIELD

The girl with the mop of fair hair and the china-blue eyes laid down the dollar on the counter and said to the shopman: "All right, I'll call in for it tonight and pay the balance." She nodded to the man and left the little store. That was about ten minutes be-

fore Joe! Annerly happened along. Joe was hurrying home from work and as he passed the little old "antique" shop he hesituted. It was raining and Joe hurried on that account; not because he was particularly anxlous to arrive at his solitary bachelor. spartment-nothing much to hurry ome for when there is no one when

you get there! So Joe stopped and passed in among the antiques, or pieces of second hand musiums, as they really were, and inquired the price of the elgant brass clock he had seen in the window.

Fifty dollars! No, fifty dollars was so much. He didn't really want it.

He was fust turning to go when a picture hanging on the wall at the ack of the store enught his glance. It ens just one of those colored lithographs which, in a good frame, look well hanging on a parlor wall, and was enough to give a throb of homesickness to Joe, for that very picture, for an exact replica of it, had hung on the wall of his mother's parior back in the old home town. There is nothing so reminiscent as the sight of a



ject in the years of long ago. He turned to the proprietor of the store and asked the price.

"Sorry, mister," the man said, "but that picture is sold."

Sold?" questioned Joe. "That sells me, too. But why is it hanging there

"Well," said the man. "I guess I sh'd have taken it down. A young lady came in here not ten minutes ago and paid a deposit on it. She's fetching it this evening. And suiting the action to the word, he lifted down the picture and laid it to one side.

Joe turned away disappointed. He wanted that picture-it was just like a breath from the old home days. And some girl had beaten him to it-just his tuck. He went into a "quickfunch" and ate some supper-say, but a lonely man does have to ent anything that's handed to him !- and went home to his apartment-bedroom and

How should be spend the evening? A mode show? Shucks! What's the ove all over the screen? Nix on But. He was in no mood of lovemaking. The less of that picture was still affecting

a certain young lady, of whose existence he was not even aware, was feeling quite elated. She had got back home from the office, and after cating friend, who arrived soon after with a her supper she was going to extract a certain number of dollars from a certalu private cache and was going after the carriage, and when the wire was that picture she had paid the deposit on. Funny how the same thing can like a pistol shot and the champagne have such opposite effects on different people. But then, of course, the girl

had not lost the picture! When Joe put on his but that evening and set out to try and forget the old home days, his steps seemed naturally to bend themselves in the direction of the antique shop. The rain had stopped and a fresh wind was blowing. He was still feeling homesick on account of that picture, and was just wondering what had become of those friends of his boyhood, Bill Smith and Larry Jones and that freekled-faced Red, when, on turning a corner, he was violently bunted in the middle by some one carrying a bulky and remarkably hard parcel. Joe staggered from the sudden impact. He stooped to pick up his hat, and then looked to see what had caused it. Instantly be realized what had happened. He had met the girl with the picture! As though to confirm his suspicions, the stud playfully whopped up a corner of

Without taking his eyes off the coveted picture he addressed the girl. "Would you mind if I took a peep, a

last peep at it?" he asked pleadingly. The girl nodded. Evidently this man must be the one-time owner. She thrust the picture toward him, and Joe gazed at is long and earnestly.

"Gness you've seen it before somewhere?" she asked presently.

"I should say I have! Gee," he muttered, drinking in the familiar scene. "I wonder what has become of Bill Smith and Larry Jones and that freekled, red-faced kid?"

A smile unseen by Joe lighted the girl's face.

"And Effic Farmer?" she suggested. For a moment Joe wondered if his ears had deceived him. Then, wheeling round on her, he asked amazed: "Say, were you ever in my home

"I kind of think I must have been, one time," the girl answered reflectively. "I kind of think there was a boy called Joe Annerley lived there. But I can't be just sure."

She turned her head away—this man was staring at her so rudely. He seemed to have been stricken dumb, too. He just stared? He stared so long that she simply had to break the silence. But it was the man who spoke first after all. He had often wondered about the little girl who used to come to his mother's house, the two blood parallel handing down the two blond pignafts banging down her back. But that was years ago. She must be quite grown up by this

"Did you know Effic?" he asked tenisely.

The girl nodded. She still held her head averted and Joe wished she would turn it into the zone of light made by the street lamp. But she did not seem interested. She had tucked the picture under her arm again and moved us if to pass on. Joe was desperate. In all the long years he had spent in the giant city he had never feit quite the loneliness that oppressed him tonight.

"Say." he asked wistfully, "do you ever hear from Effle these days?" If only he could get this girl to talk a little while it would help some. But he got no answer. Evidently she resented his persistence. Joe felt ashamed of himself and started to make matters worse with stammering apologies and exclamations. He didn't want to be rude, but he did want to hear news of the home folks and he wondered if Effic Farmer was married and where she was living. He-

At last the girl did turn. She lifted her face to where the light fell fully on it. A smile was on her lips a smile composed of mischief, of petulance and not a little happiness.

"Joe Annerley," she said, "I think you are very dull. If you happen to want to know, my name is Effle

That did it! Joe took one good long ast stare right into the girl's face. then, seizing the bundle from beneath her arm, hald it on the sidewalk. He opened his arms, then closed them gain around the form of Effic

"Effic, darling," he whispered, holding her close "we've just got to slure that picture—got to?"

And strangely enough a time came when the picture again hung on a parfor wali-their parlor wall,

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With an oath, the Britisher threw iden of watching a lot of ginks making the steak, paper and all, out of doors. The guard a squad of West Coast Indians, was lined up on either side of the entrance. The Mexican soldler, like the horse, excels at sleeping while While Joe was in this frame of mind standing. As the steak and brown paper rustled by the guard awoke, and each man presented arms.

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